(d) Does not arise.

(e) Industrial plots have been developed at the Vagra Growth Centre which has shown considerable progress. The other two growth centres at Palanpur and Gandhidham have yet to demonstrate progress as the State Government is in the process of acquisition of land. Implementation and completion of these projects rests with the state Government.

Changes Made in Exim Policy

4422. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of changes made in the recently announced EXIM Policy to brighten the export prospects;

(b) the extent to which our export is likely to be increased during the current year; and

(c) what is the number of items on which Q.R. has been done away with?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) In the revised Exim Policy (RE-2000), 1997-2000 notified on 31-03-2000, Government has announced various measures to promote exports. These include setting up of Special Economic Zones, rationalisation of existing export promotion schemes (EPCG and Duty Exemption/Remission Scheme), encouragement to export of quality/branded goods, procedural simplification, de-centralisation of decision making and reduction of interface between exporters and Government organisation through the facility of electronic filling of application at several port offices.

(b) The growth rate of export depends on various factors, including growth in World Trade and State of economies of other countries/economic blocks over which we do not have any control. However, at present indications, exports prospects look to be fairly bright.

(c) Quantitative Restrictions on 714 additional items have been removed with effect from 1-4-2000.

FDI in IT Industry

4423. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a major proposal for Information Technology (IT) industry recommending 100 per cent FDI through automatic route for all operations that provide infrastructure for this industry;